

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Avant, Jr.

Confirmation No.: 4061

Serial No.: 10/648,706

Group Art Unit: 3725

Filed: August 26, 2003

Examiner: Pahng, Jason Y.

For: **METHODS OF PROCESSING KAOLIN FROM HIGH GRIT CONTENT CRUDE CLAY ORE**

Date: December 18, 2006

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated June 29, 2006.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

☒ is filed herewith.

☐ has been filed.

3. Applicant:

☐ Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

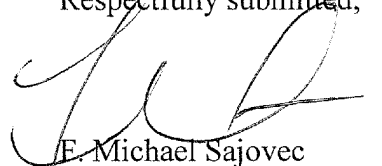
	<u>Total Months</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Fee For Other</u> <u>Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee for</u> <u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee Enclosed \$0.00

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- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

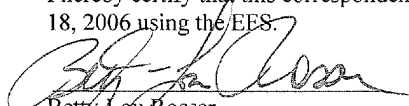


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